

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3469

March 2, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a political subdivision to enact an ordinance or resolution to establish a clean energy loan program. Requires a property owner to repay a loan in accordance with the program through a surcharge on the owner's property tax bill. Limits the surcharge to an amount that allows the political subdivision to recover costs of issuance.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – The number of local governments electing to adopt an ordinance or resolution to issue debt and gaining the approval of three-fourths of voters by referendum cannot be determined. Any permissive increase in local government expenditures for issuing debt will be offset by an equal increase in local government revenue to cover the cost of issuance.**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Environment and Conservation, this bill will have no impact on the operations of the Department; therefore, no fiscal impact.
- According to the Comptroller of the Treasury, any adopting local government will submit information to the Comptroller's Office of State and Local Finance. Any additional workload can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Article II, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee requires three-fourths voter approval by referendum prior to any local government issuing debt.
- The number of local governments electing to adopt an ordinance or resolution to issue debt and gaining the approval of three-fourths of voters by referendum cannot be determined.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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